

# LEONARD WILL BE NEXT CHAMPION IF WELSH EVER GIVES HIM CHANCE

Young Boxer, Mechanically Perfect, is One of Greatest Modern Fighters and Any Man Who Goes Into Ring With Him Puts Up a Wonderful Battle or Takes a Beating; Leonard is Mighty Fine Boxer.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Benny Leonard was right. Six months ago he said that he had under his wing the greatest lightweight fighter since the days of Joe Diaz. "His name is Benny Leonard," said Leonard. "I've been sending him along slowly during the past year. Now he's ready. Watch him go."

New York watched him against several ordinary fighters, and Leonard showed up his adversaries just as he showed up the old-time fighter. Leonard's fight against the champion in practically every one of the ten rounds.

Some of the writers figured that Leonard, after meeting Welsh, would make his departure from the ring under the auspices of the Red Cross. But what a surprise that fight occasioned! Leonard outboxed, outgeneraled, outwitted, outboxed and outboxed the champion in practically every one of the ten rounds.

Leonard is everywhere. He stands today as the greatest all-round boxer and fighter the game has produced in many years. The old-time fighter Joe Diaz was a bit shifty, but he admitted that if Leonard improves at the rate he has shown during the last six months, he will become the superior of Diaz in his prime.

There is nothing in the pugilistic way that Leonard cannot do. As a boxer he is perfect. As a fighter, he has many knockouts to his credit as the best man in his division today. He has a shrewd brain, is always cool and has wonderful endurance powers.

Leonard's perfectness has made

him the popular hero in this section. The way he went after Freddie Welsh, the little round never will be forgotten. He fought with the confidence of a champion. He never gave Welsh a moment's rest. He was in and out and in again—like lightning flashes.

Every man that meets Leonard must fight—or, better, a terrific beating. Welsh thought during the first few rounds that he could lay back and depend upon his defense. But Leonard rushed him time and again, and broke through Welsh's guard as frequently that it created astonishment among the assembled fans.

Is Amazingly Fast. Leonard's timing of punches is perfect. Rarely does he waste a swing, and he is always swinging or jabbing. Nine out of every ten punches that he starts find a mark. And it's the mark that he aimed. Welsh's defense has been superb against ordinary boxers. Against Leonard it was useless. The New York boy hit him where he pleased.

Leonard is fast foot—far faster than Welsh. He is always jumping around—over on the move, and rarely does he back away. He's after his man from going to go. A wallow that would cause an ordinary fighter never haunts him. Dundee landed some punches on Leonard's head and body. So did Welsh. But Leonard kept moving in.

Is Mechanically Perfect. Mechanically Leonard is perfect. And added to this he has a wonderful brain. He seems to know instinctively when to duck or sidestep. Time and again in his fights with Welsh and Dundee he moved before a punch was started. Any other boxer wouldn't have known the punch was coming. But Leonard did.

The confidence of Leonard is a wonderful thing to behold. He fights always with the belief that he is the superior of his men. And he is always calm and collected. When the fighting was hottest in the Welsh and Dundee fight, Leonard often smiled. Several times in the final round of the Welsh fight, when the champion was doing some punching and rushing, Leonard backed against the ropes, put up his guard and winked at his seconds. On another occasion, he recognized some friends in a nearby seat and waved a glove.

Will Be Next Champion If—Leonard's footwork and his boxing are pretty sight. He is light and quick, lighter by far than any other of the topweights. And his defense is getting better all the time. He has one disconcerting trick of dodging a swing and then dipping so low that his head almost touches the ground. Like a flash he assumes an upright position again. And when he comes up he is ready to shoot out a wallop.

Leonard knows all the ring tricks of the old masters—and a few of his own. And the 20-year-old boy has been fighting only three years. He has mingled in over 30 bouts, but nearly 50 of them were of the preliminary sort. It's just during the past six or eight months that he has become a top-notch.

He is today the greatest lightweight in the game. He has beaten the best. He dived out to Freddie Welsh the worst wallowing champion ever got. In a 20-round bout to a decision he fought at least 12 rounds from Welsh—if the fight went the entire route. It's doubtful if Welsh, with all his trickery, could last 20 rounds against Leonard. The youngster probably would wear down the champion along about the 12th or 13th and then would mean Welsh's law for a knockout wallop, which he carries in either paw.

Benny Leonard will be the next lightweight champion of the world—if Freddie Welsh ever gives him a chance over the decision route.



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# ALASKA DOGGLED RACE THIS WEEK

Annual Event Always Attracts Great Attention; To Be Run Tomorrow.

NOME, Alaska, April 18.—The 412-mile all-Alaska sweepstakes dog team race, the climax of the winter sport events in the north, each year brings out the best of the racing dogs in Alaska, which are said by experts to be the best in the world.

The start and finish of the race is at Nome and the course extends along the shore of Norton Sound in Solomon, 22 miles east, and then turns north over the snow-covered tundra, through Council to Candler, on Kotzebue Sound, 26 miles from the starting point. At Candler the teams turn back, retracing their steps to the finish at Nome. The start is expected tomorrow.

Although much depends on the careful selection and training of the dogs, an equal responsibility devolves upon the driver and the winner of the race is hailed as the most skillful handler of dogs in Alaska.

No Limit to Number of Dogs. There is no limit to the number of dogs a driver can place in his team, but the rules of the Nome Kennel club require that every dog taken out must be brought safely back, either riding on the sled or working in the harness.

This rule is to prevent drivers from abandoning disabled dogs on the trail, or leaving them at the reporting stations through which the racers pass.

Consequently, the drivers handle the strength of their dogs carefully, permitting them to rest frequently at points along the trail, and often carrying two or three tired dogs on the sleds, until they have regained their strength and are able to take their place in the harness. Usually from eight to 12 dogs are taken out, although in some instances, drivers have taken as many as 18.

Famous Drivers Entered. Although two of the most famous drivers, John Johnson, holder of the record of 24 hours, 14 minutes, 29 seconds, and A. A. (MacCarty) Allan, part owner of the Allan-Darling team, which won in 1911 and 1912, and always has been a close contender for first honors, two sweepstakes winners are among the entries. They are the Bowen-Deleane team, driven by Fay Deleane, which won in 1913 in 25 hours, 18 minutes, and Leonard Seppala, who drove his 16 Siberian wolf dogs to victory last year in 31 hours, three minutes.

Two other drivers who have had experience in sweepstakes racing but have not yet been accredited with victory, are Percy Blatchford, driving the dogs from the Downing-Blatchford kennel, and Paul Kjestad, piloting a team of highly trained husky dogs.

Siberian Dogs the Best. In previous years, the race always has developed into a contest between the Siberian wolf dogs and the Alaska bred malamutes. Both breeds have ardent supporters but the champions of the Siberian wolves lay stress upon the fact that Johnson's record was established with a team of Siberians.

Although the Siberian wolf dog lacks the speed of the malamute, in short distance racing, he has the endurance of his wild progenitor coupled with the faithful intelligence of the Alaskan dog.

The remarkable endurance of the Siberians was demonstrated in 1914 when Johnson drove the last 107 miles of the race without stopping to feed his dogs.

## HAWAIIAN DUKE FAILS TO QUALIFY IN SWIMMING

NEW YORK, April 18.—Duke Kahanamoku of Honolulu failed to qualify Sunday in his trial heat of the 250 yard national swimming championship, the final of which will be held here tonight. Herbert Voller, of Columbia, won in two minutes 26 1/2 seconds.

Kahanamoku swam in the last 50 yards and near the finish was passed by Joseph Winter, of the New York Athletic club.

## TOPEKA COLD CHILLS PITCHERS; MANY HITS MADE

Topeka, Kan., April 18.—Cold weather chilled the fingers of the pitchers Sunday and 15 hits for a total of 22 runs were made in the baseball game between the second team of the Detroit Americans and the Topeka Western league club. Loudermilk knocked a home run. Score: Topeka, 15; Detroit, 22. R. H. E. Detroit: 10, 12, 15, 4. Topeka: 25, 28, 29, 21, 4. Batteries: Detroit, Loudermilk, Marshall and McKee; Topeka, Laubach, Sanders, Coon and Baker, Wolfing.

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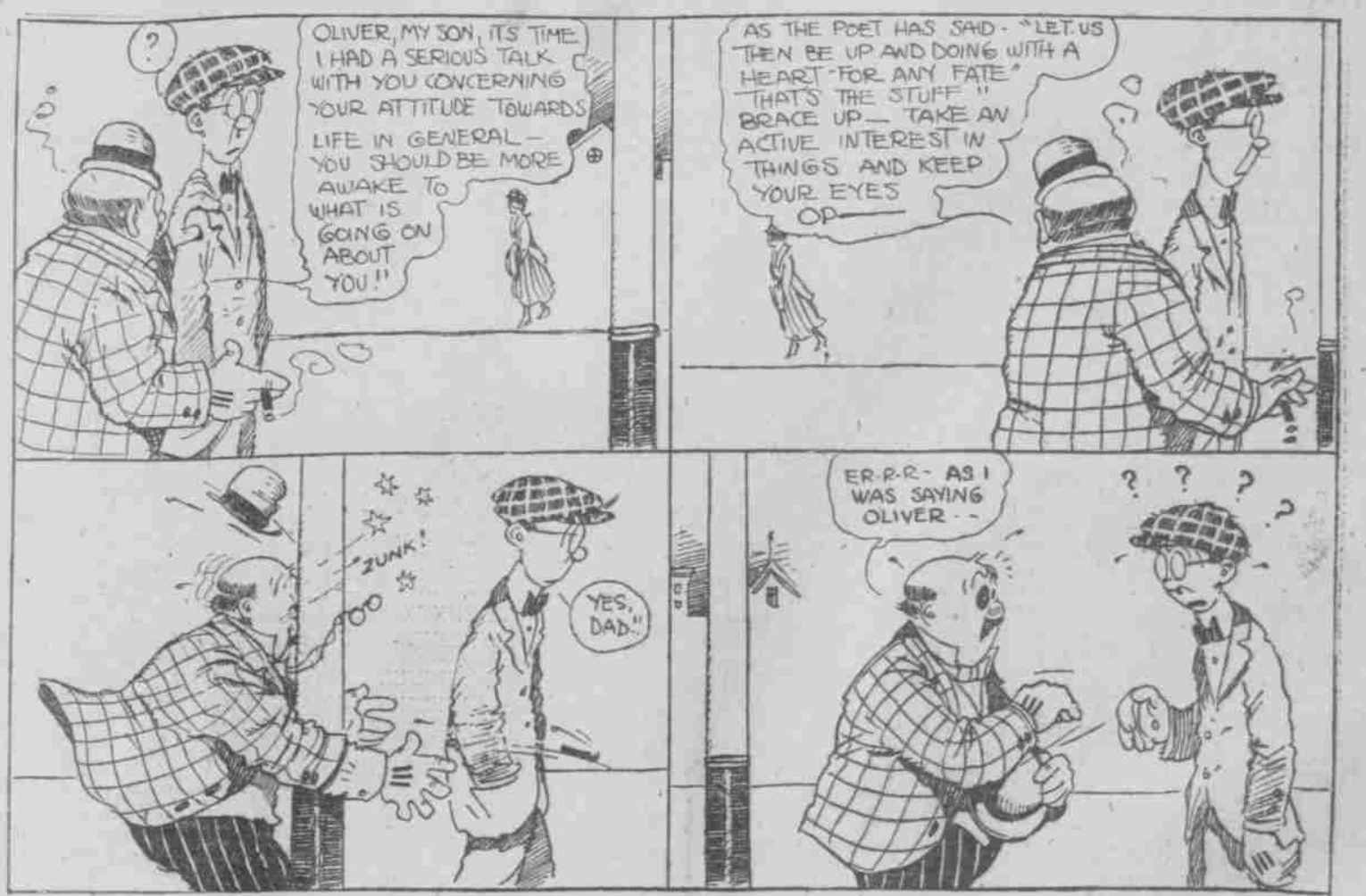
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## In Boyland:

RICHARD PARKS are anxious to arrange a game here with the Douglas boys' team and plans for financing a trip here of the Arizona team are now under way. The Orchard Parks will try to sell 500 tickets at 10 cents each, thus furnishing \$500 toward the fares of the Douglas team. Moreover they will provide accommodations for the visitors while they are in the city and will also arrange for suitable entertainment.

Orchard Parks defeated the East El Paso All-Stars on Saturday afternoon, 24 to 6, but when the same teams met again on Sunday afternoon they played an old-fashioned slugfest. Kinney and R. Carberry were on the mound for the All-Stars on Sunday, while Pollard and Blair worked for the Parks.

The first game of the Orchard Parks on Sunday was with the Villa Tigers, who went down to defeat, 24 to 17, in an old-fashioned slugfest. Kinney and R. Carberry were on the mound for the Orchard Parks. Llewellyn pitched the first game of the season, April 22, at that date in more suitable to the Orchard Parks. Llewellyn suggested that the Parks arrange a morning game with the Aggie Juniors and play the Las Cruces Juniors in the afternoon.

The Golden Hill Juniors beat the California Bears in a game Saturday morning by a score of 24 to 13.

The lineup for the Golden Hill Juniors was: R. Rudick, c.; E. Rudick, p.; J. Jones, 1b.; H. Harvey, 2b.; H. Harvey, 3b.; W. Irbey, ss.; H. Burns, cf.; M. Mustain, cf.; P. Mustain, lf.

The average age of the Golden Hill Juniors is 12 years and the average weight 75 pounds.

The Little Cubs went down in defeat before the onslaught of the Rio Grande Juniors by a score of 17 to 1 on the Piedra street grounds, Saturday morning. Hubert Stanley pitched for the Juniors, knocked the only homer.

The Rio Grande Juniors lineup was: Lyle Webster, c.; Hubert Stanley, p.; Orville Cornwall, 1b.; Loyd Gillespie, 2b.; Ed Geisler, 3b.; Sam Gillespie, ss.; Ted Geisler, lf.; Wilson Roe, rf.

The average weight of the Rio Grande Juniors is 75 pounds and the age 13 years. It so happens that these two teams are scheduled for the last Saturday's play and if they both should have a perfect record when they meet, which seems likely, it will be a grand finish of a very successful season.

## Grammar Schools LEAGUE CONTESTS

By "BUCK" EVANS.

SATURDAY morning, at Rio Grande and Washington parks, the grammar schools got into action again, after a two weeks' layoff, owing to bad conditions of the playgrounds. The race for the championship is proving the best in the history of the league. The Alta Vista boys have not lost a game this season and they have lamed six teams. The Sea Jacinto boys have played bangup ball all season and have won eight straight, and if they win from Baller next Saturday they will be ready for the championship game with Alta Vista, providing Alta Vista can keep up their good work in the next two games. It so happens that these two teams are scheduled for the last Saturday's play and if they both should have a perfect record when they meet, which seems likely, it will be a grand finish of a very successful season.

BEALE 14; ALAMO 11. At the Grand park the Beale ball tossers took on the scrappy little boys from Alamo school and the little fellows gave the bigger boys from the Grand school a merry time and almost walked away with the game. The score was 14 to 11. Though the Beale boys piled up a great lead in the first two or three innings, the scrappy youngsters from Alamo plugged away and gave the Beale boys the scare of their lives in the closing innings.

SAN JACINTO 24; FRANKLIN 0. The second game at Rio Grande park proved very easy for the league leaders and they made it almost a rout with the fast San Jacinto crew. The game was never in doubt from the start, as the San Jacinto boys piled up enough runs in the first inning to win any

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